Orange County ACM SIGCHI

Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2004, 6:00-7:30 PM

Held at Unisys in Mission Viejo

Wednesday, April 7th at Unisys, 6:00 pm
Speaker: Bill Tomlinson, Asst. Professor of Informatics, UC, Irvine
Talk: "The Alpha Wolf Project"

Abstract: Bill Tomlinson will present his past, present and future work creating socially capable autonomous characters. He will describe his research as a member of the Synthetic Characters Group at the MIT Media Lab, focusing in particular on the AlphaWolf project. This interactive installation featured a pack of animated virtual wolves who formed computational social relationships with each other. In addition, Dr. Tomlinson will present several research efforts currently under way in his lab at UC Irvine. These projects all focus on making computational systems that are able to form social relationships with each other and with people.

Bill's Bio
Bill Tomlinson is an Assistant Professor at UC Irvine, where he teaches in the School of Information and Computer Science, Department of Informatics; in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, Drama Department; and in the ACE (Arts Computation Engineering) program. Previous interactive projects have been shown at SIGGRAPH, Ars Electronica, the ZKM Future Cinema exhibition and other venues, and have been reviewed by CNN, the Wall Street Journal, Sculpture Magazine, Scientific American Frontiers, the LA Times, Wired.com and the BBC. In addition his animated film, Shaft of Light, screened at the Sundance Film Festival and was distributed by the Anti-Defamation League in its Anti-Bias/Diversity Catalog. He holds an A.B. in Biology from Harvard College, an M.F.A. in Experimental Animation from CalArts, and S.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the Synthetic Characters Group at the MIT Media Lab.

The meeting is free and open to anyone.

To RSVP, send email to Chris Jensen at acm_occhi2002@yahoo.com

Unisys

25725 Jeronimo
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
Cross streets: Obrero and Jeronimo

Driving instructions on the following page.

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OCCHI

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Directions to Unisys

25725 Jeronimo
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Directions from the North:
Take the I-5 South (San Diego Fwy) and exit Alicia Pkwy
Turn left onto Alicia Pkwy and go Northeast 1.1 miles
Turn left onto Jeronimo
Turn right at Obrero into the Unisys complex, go to the left and park near the main entrance (large Unisys sign)

Directions from the South:
Take the I-5 North (San Diego Fwy) and exit Alicia Pkwy
Turn right onto Alicia Pkwy and go Northeast 0.9 miles
Turn left onto Jeronimo
Turn right at Obrero into the Unisys complex, go to the left and park near the main entrance (large Unisys sign)

The meeting is being held in the Theater, which is located at the main entrance.

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